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1. GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) AT ITS MEETING JANUARY 11
AGREED (A) TO SCHEDULE THE NEXT CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION
FOR MAY 2-3, (B) TO CONVENE A MEETING WITH EXPERTS FROM
CAPITALS ON METHODOLOGY FOR ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF
PROGRAMS FOR FEBRUARY 23-24, AND (C) TO SET MONDAY,
MARCH 6, AS THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE NEXT
CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION.

2. IN ORDER TO FOCUS PREPARATIONS IN GENEVA GROUP
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CAPITALS IT WAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE SUMING UP QUOTED IN
THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS AS TERMS OF REFERENCE FROM THE
FEBRUARY 23-24 MEETING WITH EXPERTS, TOGETHER WITH THE
STATEMENT, ALSO QUOTED BELOW, OF FOLLOW-UP EXPLORATIONS
THE CO-CHAIRMEN HAD WITH JIU MEMBERS ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR
CONTACTS AT THE TIME.

3. QUOTE. IN RESPONSE TO A DECISION TAKEN AT THE

CONSULTATIVE LEVEL IN OCTOBER, THE GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MET JANUARY 11 TO AGREE UPON DATES FOR A MEETING ON PROBLEMS OF PROGRAM ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION, WITH PARTICIPATION OF EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS. CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN ALSO TO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THAT DISCUSSION AND TO THE POSSIBILITY FOR INFORMAL CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON THIS SUBJECT.

4. QUOTE. DATES: IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS MEETING SHOULD BE CONVENED IN THE US MISSION AT 10 A. M., THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, CONTINUING THROUGH FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

5. QUOTE. PURPOSE: THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WILL BE TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEING UPON A COMMON APPROACH FOR ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMS OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, PROVIDING GENEVA GROUP CAPITALS WITH A METHODOLOGICAL TOOL TO COMPLEMENT THE STANDARD ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR PROGRAM BUDGET ANALYSIS AGREED UPON AT THE GENEVA GROUP MEETING WITH EXPERTS IN JULY 1977 (AND APPROVED AT THE CONSULTATIVE LEVEL SESSION IN OCTOBER 1977).

6. QUOTE. THE DISCUSSION INDICATED THAT SOME GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS WERE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN CONDUCTING EVALUATION OF THE TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A GENERAL EXCHANGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF VIEWS ON EVALUATION EXPERIENCES IN BILATERAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WOULD BE USEFUL. IT WAS FURTHER DECIDED TO DEVELOP A COMMON APPROACH TO ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAMS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THEIR ENTIRETY SO (A) PRIORITIES MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED, (B) PROGRAM EXPANSION BETTER CONTROLLED, (C) POSSIBILITIES FOR PROGRAM TERMINATIONS EXAMINED, AND (D) PROGRAM DUPLICATIONS DETECTED. IT WAS FORESEEN THAT THE EXPERTS MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER WHETHER SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS MIGHT USEFULLY BE ORGANIZED TO FOCUS ON ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF CONCRETE SITUATIONS.

7. QUOTE. JIU: AS THEY WERE REQUESTED TO DO, THE CO-CHAIRMEN SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE EXPLORED POSSIBILITIES FOR CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE MEETING. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SUCH CONTACT MIGHT BEST TAKE PLACE ON A HIGHLY INFORMAL BASIS, POSSIBLY BY HAVING TWO OR THREE GENEVA GROUP REPRESENTATIVES OR EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS MEET WITH ONE OR MORE INSPECTORS FOR AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE. THE CO-CHAIRMEN PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS BE DEFERRED UNTIL IT IS KNOWN WHICH EXPERTS WILL ATTEND THE

FEBRUARY 23-24 MEETING. SORENSON

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